

**Introduced by Senator Dunn**

February 23, 2006

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An act to amend Sections 51220 and 51226.3 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1575, as introduced, Dunn. Education: curriculum: human rights: unconstitutional deportation.

(1) Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in social sciences, among other things, including instruction on human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust.

This bill would require the social science courses to include instruction on the inhumanity of the unconstitutional deportations to Mexico during the Great Depression. The bill would make conforming changes in related provisions of law. To the extent that this requirement would impose additional duties upon school districts and county offices of education, the bill would establish a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 51220 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51220. The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:

(a) English, including knowledge of and appreciation for literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking.

(b) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding the history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States of America; instruction in our American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the State and Federal Constitutions; the development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor; the relations of persons to their human and natural environment; eastern and western cultures and civilizations; human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, ~~and the Holocaust~~, *and the unconstitutional deportations to Mexico during the Great Depression*, and contemporary issues.

(c) Foreign language or languages, beginning not later than grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the particular language.

(d) Physical education, with emphasis given to physical activities that are conducive to health and to vigor of body and mind, as required by Section 51222.

(e) Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems, and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences.

(f) Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into problem-solving procedures.

1 (g) Visual and performing arts, including dance, music,  
2 theater, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of  
3 aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

4 (h) Applied arts, including instruction in the areas of consumer  
5 and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business  
6 education, or general agriculture.

7 (i) Career technical education designed and conducted for the  
8 purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the  
9 occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the  
10 personnel needs of the state and the community served and  
11 relevant to the career desires and needs of the pupils.

12 (j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a  
13 knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws  
14 of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper  
15 acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true  
16 appreciation of the causes, seriousness and consequences of  
17 traffic accidents, and to develop the knowledge and attitudes  
18 necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles. A course in  
19 automobile driver education shall include education in the safe  
20 operation of motorcycles.

21 (k) Other studies as may be prescribed by the governing board.

22 SEC. 2. Section 51226.3 of the Education Code is amended to  
23 read:

24 51226.3. (a) ~~The State Department of Education~~ *department*  
25 shall incorporate, into publications that provide examples of  
26 curriculum resources for teacher use, those materials developed  
27 by publishers of nonfiction, trade books, and primary sources, or  
28 other public or private organizations, that are age-appropriate and  
29 consistent with the subject frameworks on history and social  
30 science that deal with civil rights, human rights violations,  
31 genocide, slavery,~~and the Holocaust,~~ *and the unconstitutional*  
32 *deportations to Mexico during the Great Depression.*

33 (b) The Legislature encourages the incorporation of survivor,  
34 rescuer, liberator, and witness testimony into the teaching of  
35 human rights, genocide,~~and the Holocaust,~~ *and the*  
36 *unconstitutional deportations to Mexico during the Great*  
37 *Depression.*

38 (c) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional  
39 development activities to provide teachers with content  
40 background and resources to assist in teaching about civil rights,

1 human rights violations, genocide, slavery,~~and~~ the Holocaust,  
2 *and the unconstitutional deportations to Mexico during the Great*  
3 *Depression.*

4 (d) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional  
5 development activities to provide teachers with content  
6 background and resources to assist in teaching about the Great  
7 Irish Famine of 1845–50.

8 (e) The Great Irish Famine of 1845–50 shall be considered in  
9 the next cycle in which the history/social science curriculum  
10 framework and its accompanying instructional materials are  
11 adopted.

12 (f) The Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide  
13 adopted by the ~~State Board of Education~~ *state board*, pursuant to  
14 Section 51226, shall be made available to schools in grades 7 to  
15 12, inclusive, as soon as funding is available for this purpose. In  
16 addition, the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department* shall  
17 make the curriculum available on its Web site.

18 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
19 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
20 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
21 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
22 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.